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SUBJECT: SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY PROGRAM ON CONSERVATION
IN PAKISTAN

THIS FOR INFORMATION OF EMBASSY AS WELL AS FOR TRANSMITTAL
TO ADDRESSEE.....IF EMBASSY SEES NO OBJECTION AT THIS TIME.

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DEAR INSPECTOR GENERAL KHATTAK:

THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE/NATIONAL PARK SERVICE STUDY
TEAM IS EXPECTED TO COMPLETE ITS REPORT WITH RECOMMENDA-
TIONS FOR FUTURE PROJECTS IN ABOUT SIX WEEKS. I ANTICIPATE
THAT YOUR NEEDS OF RESEARCH, MANAGEMENT AND TRAINING CAN BE
ADDRESSED TO SOME DEGREE THROUGH OUR PROJECTS WITH TANGIBLE

RESULTS OBTAINABLE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. CONSULTATIONS WILL

ALSO BE PLANNED WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND U.S. AID TO SEE WHICH PROJECTS THEY MAY BE ABLE TO FUND IN ADDITION TO THOSE WHICH WILL BE FUNDED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE U.S. ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT. WITHIN A MONTH PROJECTS APPROPRIATE FOR OUR SUPPORT SHOULD BE DEFINED. IT WOULD THEN BE HELPFUL TO HAVE ANOTHER CONSULTATION WITH YOU IN ORDER TO FURTHER REFINE THESE PROPOSALS.

IN THIS REGARD, IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY VALUABLE IF YOU AND ONE OF YOUR COLLEAGUES COULD VISIT THE UNITED STATES. SUCH A VISIT COULD BE USED TO OBSERVE VARIOUS FIELD SURVEY METHODS, RESEARCH EVALUATION TECHNIQUES, CONSERVATION EDUCATION, INTERPRETATION PRACTICES AND TRAINING PROGRAMS IN THIS COUNTRY, AND TO VISIT CONSERVATION AREAS (NATIONAL PARKS, WILDLIFE REFUGES, ETC.) BEING MANAGED IN ECOSYSTEMS SIMILAR TO THOSE IN PAKISTAN. AS WITH THE FWS/NPS VISIT TO PAKISTAN, AN OPPORTUNITY WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR YOU TO MEET WITH FEDERAL AND STATE OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING THOSE INVOLVED IN EDUCATIONAL ASPECTS OF CONSERVATION. TRANSPORTATION FOR SUCH A VISIT CAN BE FUNDED FROM THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE/ NATIONAL PARK SERVICE EXCESS FOREIGN CURRENCY ACCOUNT IN PAKISTAN AND OTHER EXPENSES IN THE UNITED STATES CAN BE COVERED JOINTLY BY BOTH AGENCIES.

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WE SUGGEST YOU BE ACCOMPANIED BY A COLLEAGUE WHOSE RESPONSIBILITIES ADDRESS ONE OR MORE OF THE MAJOR AREAS OF OUR COOPERATION. SUCH A PERSON MIGHT BE FROM THE FORESTRY INSTITUTE, NATIONAL COUNCIL, FEDERAL OR PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AND, OF COURSE, THE SELECTION OF THE APPROPRIATE COLLEAGUE IS ENTIRELY YOUR DECISION.

I SUGGEST A TWO TO THREE WEEK VISIT DURING JULY OR SEPTEMBER, SINCE AUGUST IS A HOLIDAY PERIOD AND ESSENTIAL U.S. PERSONNEL WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE.

A DETAILED ITINERARY WILL BE PREPARED AS SOON AS YOU KNOW WHEN YOU COULD ARRANGE YOUR VISIT. I AM ANXIOUS TO MOVE AHEAD WITH OUR COOPERATION AND AWAIT YOUR REPLY WITH ANTICIPATION. ROBERT HERBST, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FISH WILDLIFE AND PARKS, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. VANCE

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